

Today's Martyrs – February 1997

Sunday February 2, 1997



Rwanda: Kampanga, Musanze

Fr Guy Pinard M.Afr (aged 51, Canadian national, **shot dead** while distributing Communion)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Rwanda.htm

http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=FR_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.africamission-mafr.org%2fassassines.htm

Tuesday February 4, 1997



Philippines: Jolo, Sulu

Bishop Benjamin de Jesus OMI (aged 56, **killed**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Philippines2.htm

http://www.cbcponline.net/documents/1990s/1997-bp_dejesus.html

Monday February 10, 1997



Iraq: Shaqlawa

Haval Matta (son of Lazar Matta, **killed** by hundreds of Kurds)

Lazar Matta (father of Haval Matta, **killed** by hundreds of Kurds)

<http://www.chaldeansonline.org/Banipal/English/massacres.html>

Sunday February 23, 1997



Iraq: Erbil

Governor Franso Hariri (survived an assassination attempt)

<http://www.aina.org/releases/hariri.htm>

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Pakistan: Shanti Nagar village

Romana Bashir (survivor of an attack that saw 13 churches ransacked and hundreds of homes destroyed by arson)

<http://www.pakistanchristianpost.com/headlinenewsd.php?hnewsid=3950>